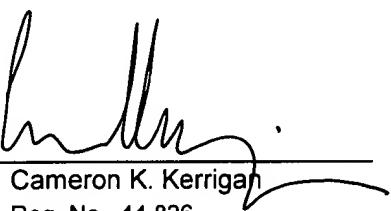
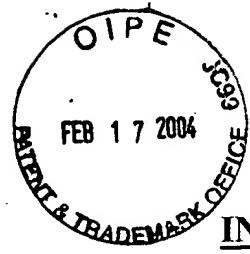


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Applicant(s): Wouter E. Roorda et al.					
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Invention: Methods For Coating An Implantable Device					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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<p><input type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for amendment.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 07-1850 in the amount of \$18.00 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of _____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any necessary fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1850 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.</p>					
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Michener:

This response addresses the Office Action mailed on October 14, 2003, that had a shortened statutory period for response that ended on January 14, 2004. Enclosed is a petition for a one month extension of time, extending the period to respond to February 17, 2004 (Monday February 16th being a federal holiday).

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